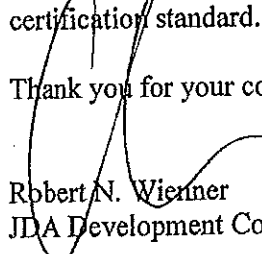


I have particular interest in the Green Building Tax Credit as I am currently working on a project in New Haven which would create a new mixed use urban neighborhood in the Long Wharf section, immediately east of the New Haven rail yards. The project is designed to connect the new neighborhood to New Haven's Union Station and downtown, as well as to the Long Wharf waterfront area. The project would provide significant investment in New Haven's enterprise zone, creating construction and permanent jobs and increasing the tax base of the city and the State of Connecticut. Passage of the Green Building Tax Credit would be a valuable tool to ensure the viability of the project.

As the national economy continues to falter, shedding jobs, destroying wealth, and reducing tax revenues, the Green Building Tax Credit would foster transit-oriented, sustainable development at a time it is most needed. Further, as the Act does not allow the issuance of tax credits until the year 2011, the Act would not have a negative budgetary impact in 2009 or 2010. I urge you to support Bill No. 1033 establishing the Green Building Tax Credit for the construction of transit oriented buildings which meet or exceed the LEED gold certification standard.

Thank you for your consideration and support on this important issue.

  
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